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Applicant: Leventhal et al.
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For: RETRACTABLE RAZOR ASSEMBLY
AND PACKAGING SYSTEM FOR SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
MAILED JULY 13, 2005

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 13, 2005, Applicants submit this response to the issues raised therein.

Election/Restrictions

The Restriction Requirement identifies that the claims of the present application constitute distinct inventions and an election to one set of claims directed to a single invention is required pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121.

The Restriction Requirement more specifically identifies that:

Invention I is directed to claims 1-21, drawn to a retractable razor; and

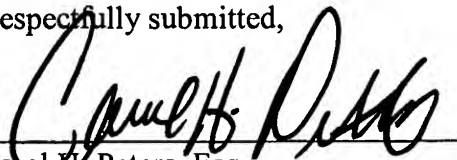
Invention II is directed to claims 22-49, drawn to a packaging system for displaying a product.

In addition, the Restriction Requirement indicates that the Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations and are disclosed as usable together in a single combination. Further, the subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately used. For at least these reasons, the inventions are deemed distinct.

In compliance with the Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants respectfully elect without traverse Invention II, including Claims 22-49, drawn to a retractable razor for prosecution on the merits.

Based upon the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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